

REMARKS

The Examiner objected to claim 17. However, since claim 17 has been canceled, the objection to claim 17 is moot..

The Examiner rejected claims 12-17 under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as allegedly being unpatentable over Redman *et al.* (US 5,757,658) and further in view of Updegrove (US 6,233,376 B1). However, since claims 12-17 have been canceled, the rejection of claims 12-17 under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) over Rodman in view of Updegrove is moot.

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CONCLUSION

Based on the preceding arguments, Applicants respectfully believe that all pending claims and the entire application meet the acceptance criteria for allowance and therefore request favorable action. If the Examiner believes that anything further would be helpful to place the application in better condition for allowance, Applicants invites the Examiner to contact Applicants' representative at the telephone number listed below. The Director is hereby authorized to charge and/or credit Deposit Account 09-0456.

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